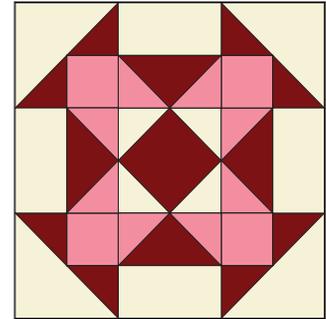


Minnesota Maze

for the Splendid Sampler™

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Finished Block Size 6" x 6"



I named my block 'Minnesota Maze' for several reasons. Cornfields in Minnesota are plentiful, and each Autumn, they pop up in the pumpkin patches at the farm fields near us. The Waldoch family I grew up in has been growing vegetables and selling them at Farmer's Markets and at Grandpa Waldoch's roadside stand for over 100 years. My cousins run Waldoch Farms now and each year plant a corn maze. This year, they paid tribute to Grandpa by designing the maze from a favorite family photo of Grandpa hoeing a row in the garden. From the air, it looked just like him! The thing about corn mazes is you often get mixed up and don't know which way to go. When you look at Minnesota Maze, you can see that it looks like arrows pointing in all directions! And during the construction of the block as I was twisting and turning the units in their correct positions, I remember thinking 'this block is like a maze'. It was fun to see the design develop as the pieces were sewn together.

Cutting:

From Fabric #1 (red)

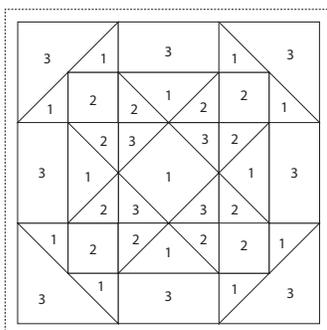
- ✂ Cut 1 - 2" x 2" - center
- ✂ Cut 4 - 1 7/8" x 1 7/8" - cut in half diagonally to yield 8 triangles - small triangles
- ✂ Cut 4 - 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" - flying geese units

From Fabric #2 (pink)

- ✂ Cut 4 - 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" - small squares
- ✂ Cut 8 - 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" - flying geese units

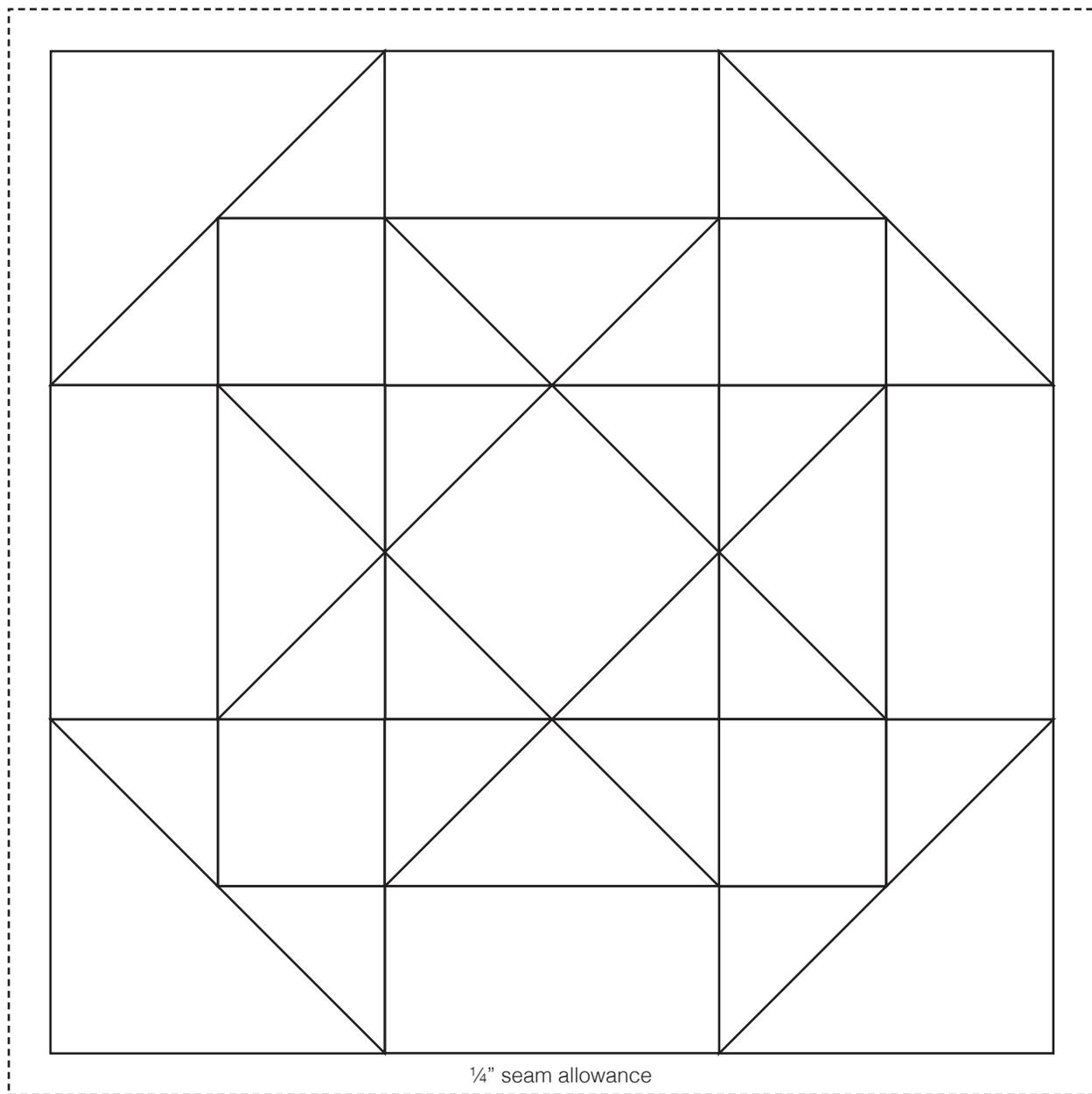
From Fabric #3 (background)

- ✂ Cut 2 - 2 7/8" x 2 7/8" - cut diagonally to make 4 triangles - outside triangles
- ✂ Cut 4 - 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" - outer rectangle
- ✂ Cut 2 - 1 7/8" x 1 7/8" - cut in half diagonally for 4 triangles - center unit



Making the block

1. Sew the small background triangles around the center red square, pressing away from the center.
2. Draw a diagonal line on 8 pink squares.
3. Align the squares at the corners of the red flying geese units. Sew on the drawn line and trim away excess fabric 1/4" beyond the stitching line. Sew first one side of the unit and then the other, pressing the corners away from the center.
4. Sew an outer rectangle background piece to each flying geese unit, pressing away from the flying geese.
5. Align the small side of a red triangle along one side of a pink square. Stitch and press toward the triangle.
6. Do the same with the remaining red triangle on the adjacent side of the square, forming a triangle unit. Stitch and press toward the triangle.
7. Sew the large background triangles to these units and press toward the background.
8. Layout the units following the photo and sew the rows. Press the seams away from the center in the first and last row, and toward the center in the middle row.
9. Sew the rows together. Press the seams open.



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 1 inch

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